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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF ALFREDO SMITH (514/78/8) AND WIFE

1. LA NORALO REPORTED ON NOVEMBER 16 THAT THE BUENOS AIRES PSYCHOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT ADVISING THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S SECRETARY, ALFREDO SMITH, AND HIS WIFE, CELIA CRIADO DE SMITH, WHO WERE ABDUCTED ON AUGUST 8, 1978, HAVE REAPPEARED AS MILITARY PRISONERS IN VILLA DEVOTO PRISON.

2. THE ASSOCIATION'S ANNOUNCEMENT ADDS THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT, BEATRIZ PERGSIO (513679/8) WHO WAS REPORTED ARRESTED BY FEDERAL SECURITY AGENTS ON THE SAME DAY HAS NOT REAPPEARED. THE ASSOCIATION'S STATEMENT EXPRESSES "PROFOUND CONCERN" OVER PERGSIO'S CONTINUED DISAPPEARANCE.

3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNT, MRS. SMITH WAS PLACED UNDER MILITARY DETENTION IN SEPTEMBER AND HER HUSBAND IN OCTOBER. MRS. SMITH'S PREGNANCY REPORTEDLY IS "DEVELOPING NORMALLY".

4. ACTION REQUEST: APPRECIATE IF DEPARTMENT WOULD
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5. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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